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HOUSE RESOLUTION 216  
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor former State Representative, James Milton Bryant.

WHEREAS, James Milton Bryant was born in McKenzie, Carroll County, on March 2, 1924, the fourth child of Robert Pickard and Ona Ray Pace Bryant; and

WHEREAS, he attended public schools in West Tennessee at Atwood, Oakland, and Memphis, graduated from high school at Bells in 1942, and thereafter, attended Lambuth University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant joined the Navy during World War II, where he was trained as a Photographer's Mate Third Class and was trained to take photographs from fighter planes; he served in the Pacific Theater, receiving an Honorable Discharge in the spring of 1946; and while in the Navy, he attended Milligan College in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the Navy, James Milton Bryant returned to Lambuth University and was thereafter, admitted to and attended Vanderbilt University School of Law, graduating with an LLB in May, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, In November, 1948, Mr. Bryant was elected to serve in the 76<sup>th</sup> General Assembly from Crockett County and served with distinction from 1949 to 1951; and

WHEREAS, From 1949 to 1952, Representative Bryant served as legal counsel for GMAC in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, James Milton Bryant was later employed by Corporate Industrial Finance in Memphis from 1955 to 1957; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant then took a position with ITT selling telephone systems across the Southeast and served with that corporation until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he married Iris Louise Quinn, the daughter of Ovid Brian and Lily Louise Clayton Quinn, in 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Bryants' marriage produced five children – Barbara Louise Bryant, Katherine Pace Bryant, James Milton Bryant, Jr., Allison Bryant, and Robert Bryant; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant survived the death of Iris Louise Quinn Bryant in 1982; and

WHEREAS, James Milton Bryant was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church in which he served in many leadership positions and as a Sunday School teacher for adult classes; and

WHEREAS, he performed in many local community theater productions, often playing the lead; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was a talented athlete, captain of the Bells High School basketball team, and represented his town and State in many golf and tennis tournaments throughout the South; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from ITT, James Milton Bryant returned to the private practice of law in Selmer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That James Milton Bryant be honored for his life of service to his State, his family and his Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.